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and connected to said controller for the control of the
signal level at a given position (P1 through P4) along the
transmission path.--

REMARKS

The specification and claims have been amended to conform
the original translated specification and claims to U.S.
requirements, i.e., appropriate section headers are added,
reference in the specification to the claims have been amended in
order to eliminate multiple dependent claims and claims
improperly depending from multiple dependent claims, and to
otherwise conform the claims to U.S. practice. Care has been
taken to ensure that no new matter is added to the text.

Entry and favorable consideration prior to consideration are
respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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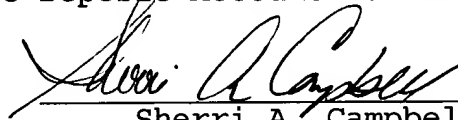
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated and is addressed: ATTN: BOX PATENT APPLICATION, Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required at any time during the prosecution of this application without specific authorization, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 16-0877.



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